

# Joseph Sent to Prison

## September 25, 2022

**PRELUDE**

*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* Don Freudenberg

### WELCOME

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #544**

*Bless the Lord*

*Bless the Lord (Taizé)*

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.***

***Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God you promise to be with your people as they journey to find a home.

**All: God be with us.**

One: God, you promise to be with the imprisoned and abused, the lost and the anxious.

**All: God with be with them, no matter what.**

One: Today, we hear the story of Joseph, far from home and seeking your presence.

**All: God be with us – and all of your children – today.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #63**

*The Lord Is God*

*Azmon*

*(verse 1)*

***The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.***

*(verse 2)*

***With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.***

*(verse 3)*

***At night or day, at home, away, together and apart, O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.***

*(verse 4)*

***The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, ad praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.***

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Created in God's image, we nevertheless fail to listen and to obey.

Together, let us confess our sins against God and one another:

\*Please stand as you are able.



The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*We Bow Down*

*Parris / Harland*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

*Genesis 39:1-23*

**39** Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup> From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup> So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup> And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup> One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup> When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup> she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband<sup>[a]</sup> has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, <sup>15</sup> and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." <sup>16</sup> Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup> and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, <sup>18</sup> but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

<sup>19</sup> When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. <sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. <sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup> The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup> The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the LORD was with him, and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

**THE MESSAGE**

*“Steadfast Love”*

*Rev. Dr. John Wahl*

**UNISON ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE (from Revelation 7)**

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**WITNESS**

**GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available in the narthex for making monetary donations.*

**OFFERTORY** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* Dennis Janzer

**\*DOXOLOGY #609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*SENDING SONG #744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Festal Song  
(verse 1)

***Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.***

(verse 2)

***Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.***

(verse 3)

***Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.***

(verse 4)

***Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.***

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**     *Love Has Come*

*Maher*

**POSTLUDE**                             *Praise to the Living Lord*

*Gerald Peterson*

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Health and Safety Protocols**

With the return to in-person worship services, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

- Windows may be open or fans turned on to provide appropriate air circulation.
- When inside the church building, face coverings are optional based on personal comfort level.
  - Socially distance as able in the pews and sanctuary.
  - If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.
- At this time, we will not be the offering plate or holding hands for the benediction at the close of the service.
- After the worship service has concluded, we ask that you move outside for any extended conversations.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.



### **Flowers**

The flowers are dedicated by Barbara & Trent Anderson in honor of their first grandchild, Ruth.

### **Greg Weemhoff Crop Walk**

**Sunday, September 25, Noon**

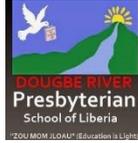


**Mountain Run Station, Chardon, OH**

For more than 40 years, Greg Weemhoff has been a participant in the Geauga County Crop Walk – which supports Church World Service and the Geauga Hunger Task Force. Valley supports “Team Greg” with walkers and donations. During worship on Sunday, September 25, we will commission walkers of every age who will then depart for the walk at 11:45 a.m. Please consider supporting this great cause.

## Dougbe River School Gala

**Sunday, September 25, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



**Banquet Center at St. Noel, 35200 Chardon Road,  
Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094**

The Dougbe River Presbyterian School – located in Liberia – is a mission partner of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve that currently enrolls 230 students and a sustainable farm. The event includes dinner, a silent auction, and an update from school leaders.

## Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

**Friday, September 30** (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

**Saturday, October 1** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

## Humble Design “Welcome Home Cleveland”

**Thursday, September 29, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**



**Humble Design Warehouse, 29001 Solon Road,  
Suite Q1, Solon, Ohio 44139**

Come for live music, food, and drinks to support the mission to serve families, individuals, and veterans emerging from homelessness with donated furniture and household goods. Meet the board members, designers, and volunteers that have already furnished over 100 homes in 2022.

## CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items for September to help stock the shelves at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



**Bleach, spray cleanser (like Microban), paper towels, canned corn,  
canned green beans, spaghetti, eggs, butter.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

## Offering Envelopes for 2023

We will not be ordering offering envelopes for 2023. Please save your box from this year for use in 2023. Any envelopes you have left over at the end of the year can be used next year or any time. If you are ever in need of more envelopes, please contact the office. We have plenty of extra envelopes, and we can either mail or leave the envelopes for you. We, also, have additional boxed sets for those that do not receive them but would like to have a set. Any questions, please contact the office. Thank you.

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